

STATUS OF CLAIMS

Having canceled claim 12, added claims 119-125, and amended claims 1-4, 36-39, 56-59, 70, 72, 76, 78, 82-83, 88, 94-95, 99, 101, 105-106, 111 and 117, claims 1-11 and 13-125 are pending in the present application. No new matter is believed to have been added by the amendment.

REMARKS

The Examiner is thanked for the in-person interview of December 16, 2004, in which agreement was reached (pending a further search). Specifically, and in accordance with 37 CFR Section 133:

- Claims 72-82 were discussed.
- U.S. Patent 6,263,255 to Tan and U.S. Patent 5,295,242 to Mashruwala were discussed.
- The Examiner agreed that the tracking, visual workflow and other components are not described in the cited prior art.


All independent claims have been amended to include a visual workflow component. Applicants believe that all pending claims are allowable over the cited prior art. A notice of allowability is earnestly solicited.

AUTHORIZATION

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees, which may be required for this Amendment, or credit any overpayment to deposit account no. 08-0219.

In the event that an extension of time is required, or which may be required in addition to that requested in a petition for an extension of time, the Commissioner is requested to grant a petition for that extension of time which is required to make this response timely and is hereby authorized to charge any fee for such an extension of time or credit any overpayment for an extension of time to deposit account no. 08-0219.

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